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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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SUBJECT: FOREST PRODUCTS CORPORATION COMPLAINT

REF: STATE 234166

1. PEDERSEN NOTIFIED DEPTOFF OCTOBER 14 OF HIS GROUP'S INTENTION TO MAKE ONE MORE SERIOUS EFFORT ASCERTAIN GOI'S POSITION IN RESPECT TO FOREST PRODUCTS' CONTINUING INTEREST IN RESUMPTION OF FORESTRY OPERATIONS IN INDONESIA. TO THIS END, PEDERSEN, PANNILL, HERBERT ZIGLER (A CALIFORNIA IMPORTER AND DEALER IN STEEL PRODUCTS AND CONCURRENTLY FP SHAREHOLDER), AND POSSIBLY JAMES ROOSEVELT, WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL TO JAKARTA AND MEET WITH GOI DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTRY SOEDJARWO IN PERIOD NOVEMBER 1-10, BUT PREFERABLY AS CLOSE TO NOVEMBER 10 AS POSSIBLE. INDONESIAN ATTORNEYS SOELISTIO AND GAUTAMA WOULD ALSO ATTEND CALL UPON SOEDJARWO.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH SOEDJARWO WOULD BE TO DETERMINE WHETHER GOI IS DISPOSED TO REVALIDATING JULY 1, 1971 FORESTRY AGREEMENT, AND IF NOT, WHETHER IT IS

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DISPOSED TO PUTTING FORWARD ANOTHER PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD

PERMIT RESUMPTION OF FOREST PRODUCTS' OPERATIONS. IF GOI
RESPONSE IS NEGATIVE OR SEEMS TO BE MORE STALLING,

FOREST PRODUCTS WILL AGAIN CONSIDER TAKING ITS COMPLAINT
TO ICSID.

3. PEDERSEN SAID ADIWOSO HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO SET UP
APPOINTMENT WITH SOEDJARWO, BUT AS INSURANCE HE ASKED
FOR EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE, TOO.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED CONSULT WITH SOELISTIO (ON ASSUMP-
TION HE HAS RETURNED TO JAKARTA) AND, UNLESS YOU
PERCEIVE OBJECTION, SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR PEDERSEN GROUP
WITH SOEDJARWO.

5. PEDERSEN SAID ANOTHER PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO LOOK
INTO POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN REVIVAL OF FORMER
SOVIET STEEL MILL PROJECT. DEPTOFF BROUGHT HIM
UP-TO-DATE AND SUGGESTED PEDERSEN AND ZIGLER REVIEW
SITUATION WITH KAISER FIRM, WITH WHICH THEY CLAIM TO
HAVE GOOD RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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